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DAR COUNCIL ACTIVITY REPORT
06 August 1997

FAR/DFARS Cases Discussed:

95-011	Subcontract Consent (PAT): Revises FAR to reduce the subcontract consent requirement. Consent will still be required for actions which require advance notification, unless contractor has approved purchasing system or when specifically required by the contracting officer. Per request of NASA, agreed to add back existing coverage which requires consent for all special tooling and facilities.	Agreed to draft final rule, as edited. Reclama by 08/08/97.
95-029	Part 15 Rewrite: Addresses seventy-seven (77) public comments received by the Ad Hoc Committee on the Part 15 Rewrite second proposed rule, which was published in the <i>Federal Register</i> on 05/14/97. Comment period closed on 07/14/97. DAR Council has its only opportunity to discuss this case on 08/12/97.	Discussion of draft final rule to continue on 08/12/97 (see Note 1 below).
97-D305	ITMRA--Telecommunications Services: Completes implementation of Division E of the Clinger-Cohen Act of 1996 (ITMRA). Revises DFARS 239.7405 to address the authority to enter into multiyear contracts for telecommunications services. Conforms 239.7405 to GSA's interim rule changes relocating certain FIRM text to the Federal Property Management Regulations.	Agreed to final rule.
95-D703	Multiyear and Other Miscellaneous Provisions: FASA Case (previously managed by Acquisition Reform) implements Sections 1002, 2301, 3006, 3031, 3032, 3033, 7102(b), and 7105. Most of the coverage was previously agreed to on 07/23/97. Only remaining issue was need for DFARS coverage on Civil Reserve Air Fleet (CRAF)(Section 3031). Decided CRAF coverage would be more appropriate in Air Force Supplement. Reclama on fiscal year language strike-through on page 6.	Agreed to final rule. Reclama by 08/08/97.
97-D017	Test Contract Format: Provides for an alternative solicitation/contract format.	Agreed to defer until after September IDS discussion on contract format.

NOTE 1: FAR 15 Rewrite. DAR Council to discuss on 12 August. Recommendation will be provided to Ms. Spector, DDP, to support FAR Council discussion scheduled for 14-15 August. One significant issue to be addressed is effective date of new coverage and how it would apply to solicitations in-process.

NOTE 2: The DAR Council will start faxing a copy of all case opening management records (CMRs) to the SPS team. The SPS team will decide if the case may have system impacts. If so, they may elect to participate in the committee deliberations.